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DEPT FOR ATHERTON AND SAUNDERS FROM LEWIS

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV PEPR IS EG US  
SUBJ: DAYAN EXPANDS ON ISRAELI CABINET DECISION TO ATTEND  
LONDON TALKS

REF.: TEL AVIV 8597

1. FONMIN DAYAN TELEPHONED ME JULY 10 TO CONVEY FURTHER  
CLARIFICATION OF CABINET DECISIONS YESTERDAY WITH REGARD  
TO THE UPCOMING TALKS IN LONDON. HE SAID THAT THE CABINET  
COMMUNIQUE (REFTEL) DID NOT FULLY REFLECT THE DISCUSSION  
AND DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE CABINET MEETING.

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2. DAYAN STRESSED THAT HE HAD ARGUED FOR AND OBTAINED  
FULL SUPPORT FROM BOTH BEGIN AND THE REST OF THE CABINET  
THAT DESPITE THE "UNACCEPTABLE NATURE" OF SADAT'S  
PROPOSALS, IT IS PERFECTLY LEGITIMATE FOR THE EGYPTIANS TO  
PUT THEM FORWARD FOR DISCUSSION AT LONDON. THE ISRAELI  
GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS BOTH BEGIN'S PEACE PLAN AND SADAT'S

PROPOSALS TO BE ON AN EQUAL FOOTING FOR DISCUSSION AT LONDON, AND HAVE AUTHORIZED DAYAN TO GO INTO THEM IN DETAIL.

3. DAYAN SAID THAT THE SECOND POINT TO STRESS WAS THAT THE CABINET WANTED HIM TO DO HIS BEST TO RESUME THE MOMENTUM OF THE PEACE PROCESS AT LONDON. THIS MEANT, HE SAID, THAT THE GOI WOULD WORK AS HARD AS POSSIBLE FOR A CONTINUATION OF NEGOTIATIONS AFTER LONDON IN WHATEVER FORM IS POSSIBLE. HE POINTED TO THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE CABINET COMMUNIQUE, STRESSING THE LAST CLAUSE: "AND THE PROMOTION OF THE PEACEMAKING PROCESS..." HE SAID THIS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT ISRAEL WOULD LIKE TO RESUME THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND/OR THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AS NEGOTIATING FORUMS, BUT WOULD BE READY TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS IN WHATEVER FORUM OR PROCEDURE WOULD BE POSSIBLE AFTER LONDON. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT WISHES TO GO BACK TO DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OVER THE SINAI, THE GOI WOULD SUGGEST USING THE MILITARY COMMITTEE FRAMEWORK, OR ANY OTHER FORMULA WHICH WERE AVAILABLE. IF NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE WEST BANK AND GAZA ARE PREFERRED FOR FOLLOW UP STAGE, THEN THE GOI WOULD PREFER TO RECONSTITUTE THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, BUT WOULD NOT INSIST ON THIS AS THE ONLY VEHICLE.

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4. IN OTHER WORDS, DAYAN SAID, THE CABINET HAD ACTUALLY GIVEN POSITIVE SUPPORT TO HIS DESIRE TO RESUME NEGOTIATING MOMENTUM IN WHATEVER WAY THAT PROVES TO BE FEASIBLE. HE SAID THAT WE SHOULD INTERPRET THE CABINET'S STATEMENT IN THIS LIGHT. LEWIS

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